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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An image inputting and outputting apparatus comprising:  
document management means ~~which, upon receiving an instruction for registration of document image data from dialog type control means, registers~~ for registering document image data with in memory means the document image data by adding ~~[[an]]~~ a document ID to identify said document image data on the basis of user's instructions.

pattern composition means ~~that generates~~ for generating document image data with ~~[[a]]~~ document ID mark by integrating ~~[[the]]~~ a document ID mark ~~[[for]]~~ corresponding to said document ID ~~image data~~ and a specific page of said document image data, ~~[[and]]~~

output means ~~that outputs~~ for outputting the document image data with ~~[[a]]~~ document ID mark from said pattern composition means ~~8, characterized in that, and~~

~~there is provided said dialog-type control means that inquires for inquiring of [[the]] a user about the choices with regard to registration with said memory means if the reading of a document for generating said document image data is completed or not, and gives instructions giving a completion notice of reading the document to said document management means on the basis of information indicated by the user,~~

wherein said document management means is configured for, upon receipt of the completion notice, registering said document image data in the memory means by correlating the document image data with the document ID.

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2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein said dialog-type control means is configured for inquiring ~~[[inquires]]~~ of the user if the reading of the ~~[[paper]]~~ document ~~that is inputted as document image data from~~ by document image inputting means ~~[[1]]~~ is completed the last page after the last page of the document ~~image data is inputted from~~ is read by the document image inputting means ~~[[1]]~~.

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4. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein said dialog-type control means is configured for inquiring ~~[[inquires]]~~ of the user if the reading of the ~~[[paper]]~~ document ~~that is inputted as document image data from~~ by document image inputting means ~~[[1]]~~ is completed the last page before the last page of the document ~~image data is inputted from~~ is read by the document image inputting means ~~[[1]]~~.

5-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) An image inputting and outputting apparatus ~~wherein~~ for registering document image data ~~are registered with the~~ in memory means ~~[[97]]~~ and ~~[[managed]]~~ managing said document image data being correlated with a document ID ~~[[ID's]]~~ at ~~said document management means 3 and so that the document image data can be fetched when~~ [[a]] the document ID corresponding to said document image data is given, said apparatus comprising: the document image data corresponding to said document ID is fetched, characterized in that there is provided said

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document management means ~~to specify the~~ for specifying document image data on the basis of a latest registration record or a latest fetching record for the document image data in the memory means ~~corresponding to the immediately preceding access to said memory means,~~ instead of inputting the corresponding document ID.

Ar 20. (Currently Amended) An image inputting and outputting apparatus ~~wherein for~~ registering document image data ~~are registered with the~~ in memory means [[97]] and [[managed]] managing said document image data being correlated with a document ID [[ID's]] ~~at said document management means 3 and so that the document image data can be fetched when~~ [[a]] the document ID corresponding to said document image data is given, said apparatus comprising: the document image data corresponding to said document ID is fetched, ~~characterized in that there are provided said: said~~

document management means [[having]] configured for performing a first function to specify [[the]] document image data on the basis of a latest registration record or a latest fetching record for the document image data in the memory means ~~the immediately preceding access to said memory means~~ and configured for performing a second function to specify document image data on the basis of [[the]] an inputted document ID corresponding to the document image data; and

dialog-type control means for directing [[the]] a selective switchover between said two functions.

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21. (Original) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 19 or claim 20 wherein said memory means is at least one out of hard disk, removable media and network-connected server.

22-23. (Cancelled)

Az 24. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 19 or claim 20 wherein ~~said immediately preceding access is the immediately preceding fetching and immediately preceding registration and wherein~~ in case no document image data has just been fetched, document image data to be fetched is specified on the basis of the ~~immediately preceding registration~~ latest registration record in the memory means.

25. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 19 or claim 20 wherein said document management means is provided with an attribute management table where a document ID corresponding to document image data in the memory means is written ~~specific document image data and their corresponding document ID's are written~~ and

wherein ~~[[the]]~~ date and time of ~~the previous access~~ latest registration or latest fetching of document image data are ~~written on~~ added to said attribute management table as the latest registration record or the latest fetching record so that document image data to be fetched can be specified based on said date and time of the latest registration or the latest fetching of the document image data ~~are referred to in order to judge whether an access is the immediately preceding access or not.~~

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26. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 19, ~~or claim 20 which is provided with~~ wherein said document management means is provided with an attribute management table where a document ID corresponding to document image data in the memory means is written, and

date and time of latest registration or latest fetching of document image data are added to said attribute management table as the latest registration record or the latest fetching record so that document image data to be fetched could be specified based on said date and time of the latest registration or the latest fetching of the document image data,

A2 said image inputting and outputting apparatus further comprising dialog-type control means for inputting an instruction to fetch document image data ~~corresponding to said immediately preceding access~~ based on the date and time of the latest registration or the latest fetching of the document image data.

27. (Currently Amended) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 19 or claim 20, further comprising which is provided with user authentication means where user ID's allocated for individual users are inputted for inputting a user ID allocated to each user to authenticate ~~user~~ said user,

wherein said document management means [[specifies]] is configured for specifying document image data ~~corresponding to said immediately preceding access~~ based on the latest registration record or the latest fetching record of the document image data for individual said user ID [[ID's]].

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28. (New) The image inputting and outputting apparatus as defined in claim 20, wherein

said document management means is provided with an attribute management table where a document ID corresponding to document image data in the memory means is written,

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date and time of latest registration or latest fetching of document image data are added to said attribute management table as the latest registration record or the latest fetching record so that document image data to be fetched could be specified based on said date and time of the latest registration or the latest fetching of the document image data, and

said dialog-type control means for inputting an instruction to fetch document image data based on the date and time of the latest registration or the latest fetching of the document image data.

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